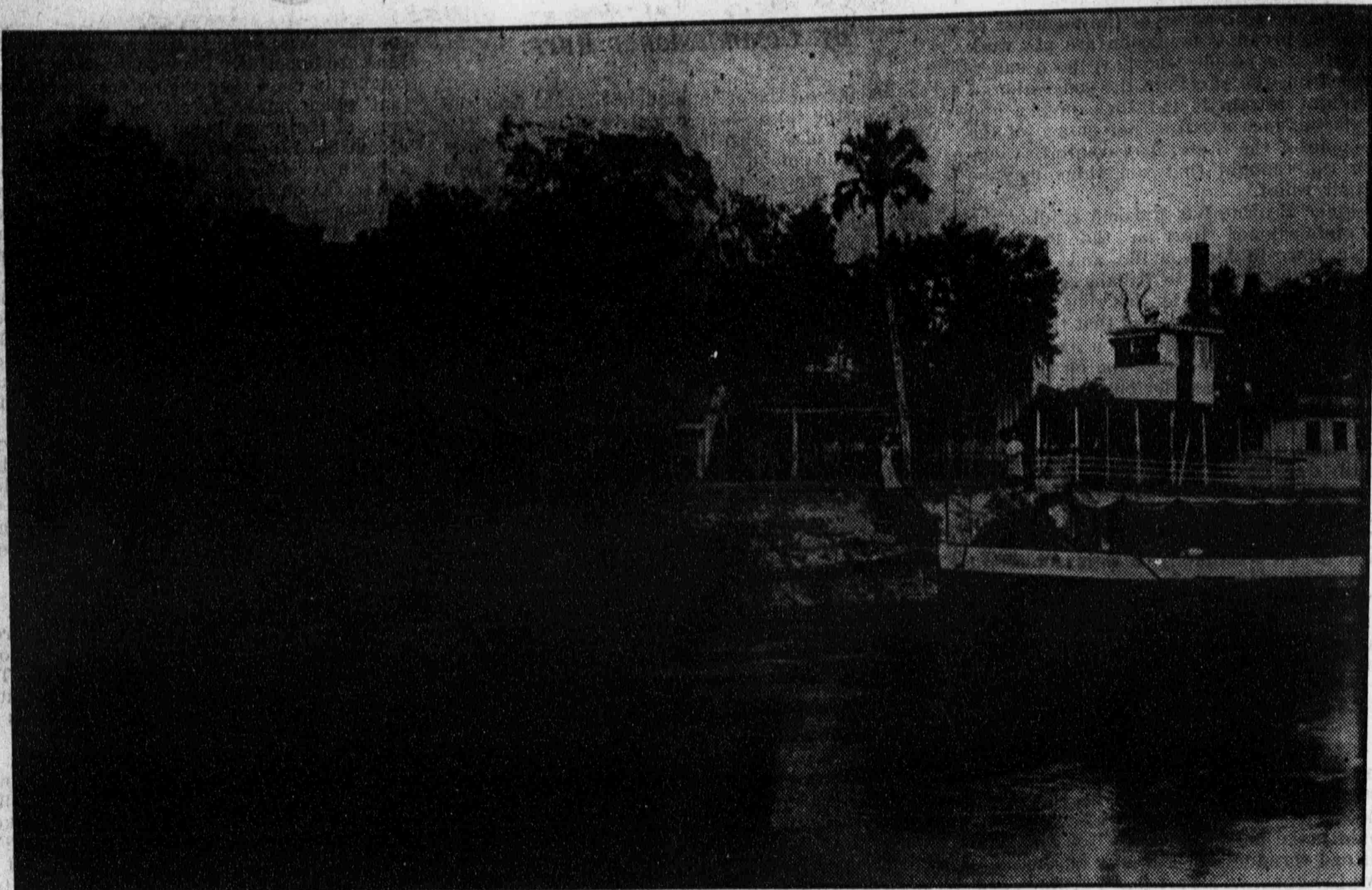


IN THE EVERGLADE COUNTRY



Home of Capt. F. A. Hendry near Fort Thompson on the banks of the Caloosahatchee. High water mark is on the lower window sill of his house.

THAT EXCURSION up the Caloosahatchee River and into Lake Okeechobee, given complimentary to the Governor, the State officers, the newspaper men of Florida, and other guests, was a conspicuous success. It was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who were fortunate enough to be in position to avail themselves of the invitation. To many who went it was a glimpse into a new life, there being nothing in any other part of the State comparable to the Fort Myers section, in scenery and in mode of life. Here it is that the independence of the man who relies upon the fruitfulness of the earth to supply all of his necessities, is abundantly and visually demonstrated. Settlements along the banks of the Caloosahatchee are thriving and prosperous, giving to their occupants peace and plenty with an absence of that restraint which is so fatal to the perfect enjoyment of those who dwell in cities.

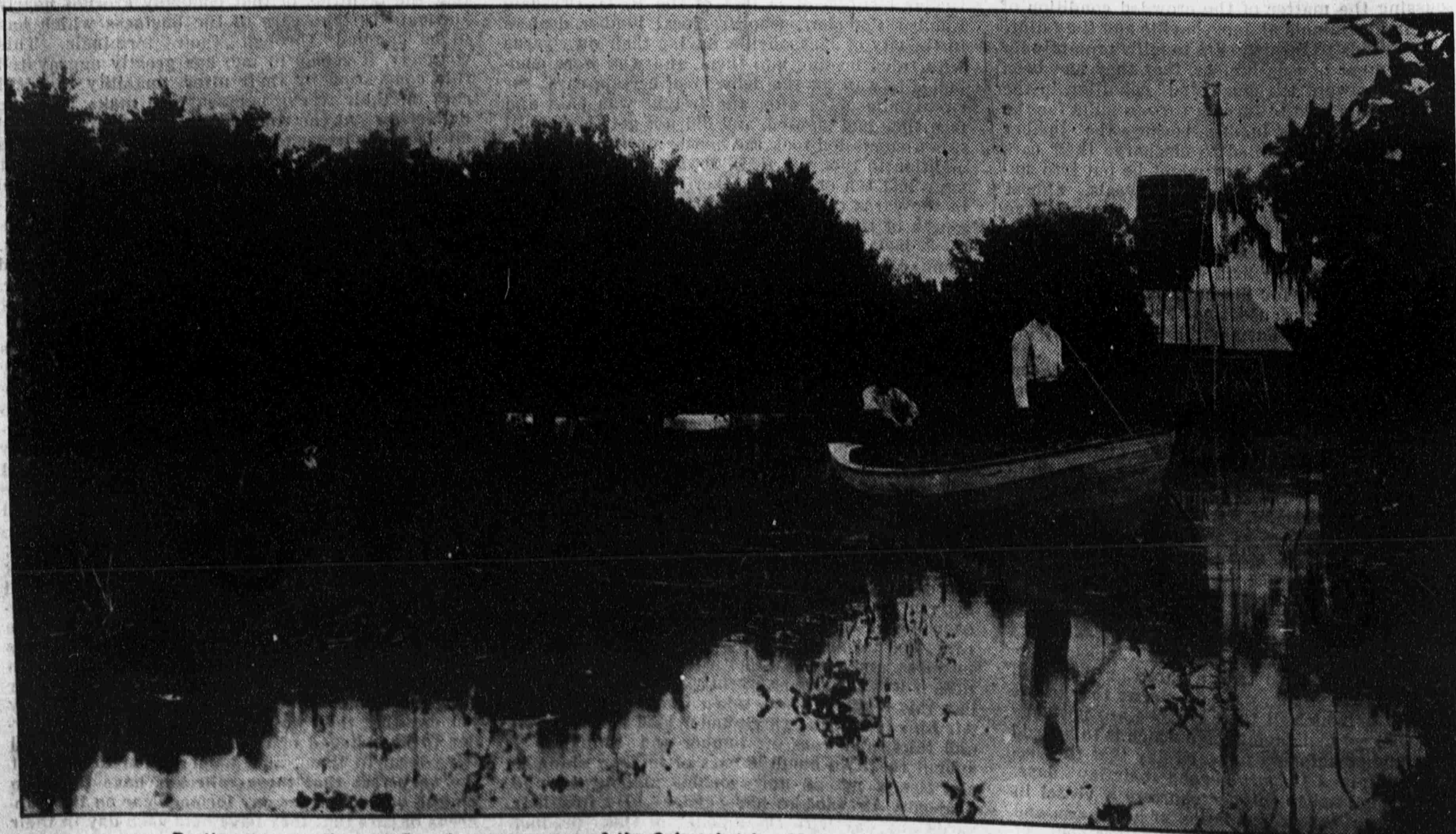
The hospitality of the good people of the Caloosahatchee Valley was displayed in overflowing measure to the guests. The citizens bade them welcome and gave of the fruits of their labors with lavish hand for their entertainment.

There was to be found not a single man, after the trip had ended, who

did not express himself as being glad that he went. ALL went to observe and to learn something about this practically unknown region which has been so conspicuously brought before the people of Florida by the campaign of candidate Broward and the subsequent efforts of Governor Broward to carry out his campaign promises. So great was the impression of the necessity for drainage made upon all those who went on this excursion that but two of the party came away unconvinced of the practicability, feasibility and desirability of rescuing this favored region from the deluge of waters which descends upon it from the overflowing banks of Lake Okeechobee. Resolutions strongly endorsing the proposition to drain the Everglades were adopted at a landing place on the banks of the river. In the presence of so practical a demonstration of the need of reclamation opposition to the project vanished.

It was a great trip; it was an education; it was an eye-opener; and the cause of drainage received an impetus from it that will gather force and diversity as the days go by witnessing the recountal of the impressions made by that trip upon the minds of those who went on it.

A detailed report of this trip and a full copy of the resolutions have been printed. THE SUN presents a pictorial view.



Boating among the overflowed orange groves of the Caloosahatchee Valley. A practical demonstration of the need for drainage.